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PROHIBITION : WORKING OF THE ACT : NOVEMBER 1948 : BOARD'S REPORT RECEIVED.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Press Note No. 37 dated the 24th February 1949.

PROHIBITION - working during November 1948 - Report.

The following report on the working of prohibition during November 1948 is published for information.

I. ENFORCEMENT.

The total number of cases detected during the month in the 25 districts of the Province was 5108, as against 5,840 cases detected during the previous monhh. The total number of cases reported in the 16 districts to which Prohibition was extended in 1946 and 1947 was the lowest since April 1948 being only 3,703, as against 5,095 cases detected during the previous month. The fall was the heaviest in the district of North Arcot where it fell from 1298 cases during the previous month to 414 cases during the month. This was attributed to temporary inactivity on the part of illicit distillers on account of well organised and incessant raids during the previous month which resulted in the detection of the largest number of cases ever repo in that district. The decrease was also substantial in the distri of Bellary, Salem, Guntur, Nellore and Tiruchi. The decrease occu mainly under illicit distillation and miscellaneous cases. In the new prohibition districts there was an increase in the number of cases detected in all the districts except Madras. The detection work in Vizagapatam, East Godavari and South Arcot was particularly noteworthy.

Of the total number of cases reported in the 25 districts, 2632 cases related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 3111 cases during the previous month.

In the 25 districts 140 cases of illicit tapping were reported in the month as against 122 in the previous month. This is made up of 47 cases relating to tapping for fermented toddy, 2 cases of permitting sweet toddy to ferment and 96 cases of tappir for sweet toddy without licence.

SMUGGLING OF LIQUOR: The total number of cases of smuggling of liquor reported during the month in all the 25 Prohibition distr was 51 as against 71 during the previous month. The cases are gradually decreasing partly due to introduction of Prohibition throughout the Province and partly due to the co-operation of the adjoining states.

INTOXICATING DRUGS: 208 cases relating to intoxicating drugs were detected in the 25 districts as against 180 reported during the previous month.

II. AMELIORATION.

SUBSTITUTES FOR DRINK: In Chittoor district the milk bar run the Chittoor Co-operative Milk Supply Union continued to sell hot milk during the evening hours and it was popular among the ex-addic

RURAL GAMES: The Rural Welfare Officers conducted games in 806 villages. 36 firka tournaments and 4 taluk tournaments were he during the month.

BHAJANAS, HARIKATHAS ETC: Bhajanas, Harikathas and Kalaksh were held in 488 villages during the month. Folk dances, drama cinemas were held in 234 villages.

GRAMASANGAMS: 176 gramasangams were organised during the month. Out of the gramasangams formed till the end of the mont 6435 gramasangams were active during the month and continued to good work in the direction of rural water supply, communicatior education, rural amusement, medical aid, sanitation and agricu ral improvement.

THRIFT: A total sum of over Rs. 23,000 was saved in hundi boxes during the month.

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-TAPPERS: The tapping of palmyrah trees for sweet juice for jaggery manufacture on a co-operative basis was permitted in the nine new Prohibition districts. Various other steps were also taken during the month to secure work for the ex-tappers. The ex-tappers were employed as peons in Government departments and co-operative institutions, as unskilled labourers in road work and as salesmen, watchmen, etc., in various other establishments and institutions.

The Co-operative societies organised during the month in the nine new districts to provide employment to the ex-tappers are given below.

SOUTH ARCOT: A co-operative jaggery and milk supply society was organised at Manichakuppam and another jaggery co-operative society was organised at Villupuram.

RAMNAD: 14 jaggery co-operative societies and one Milk Supp co-operative society were organised during the month.

WEST GODAVARI: Besides one jaggery society organised during the month, 3 milk supply co-operative societies were organised. Two milk supply co-operative societies were also revived during the month.

TIRUNELVELI: 187 centres were selected for the formation of jaggery societies in the district.

EAST GODAVARI: Six centres were tentatively selected for organising milk supply societies.

CHINGLEPUT: A Milk Supply Society was started at Thiruvanmiyu A society for Khadi spinning and coir making was also organised in this village. At Manalsekkadu a milk supply co-operative society and a palymyrah jaggery manufacturing society were organised. At Singaperumal koil a jaggery manufacturing society with facilities for dairying also was organised.

KRISHNA: 2 milk supply Co-operative societies were organised in and around Masulipatam. One Field Labourers' Society was organised during the month. A Stone Cutters' Society and a society for palmyrah leaf-umbrella and basket manufacture were being organised.

VIZAGAPATAM: Two palmyrah jaggery manufacturing societies were organised during the month.

MADRAS: Four milk supply co-operative societies were started, one each at Tondiarpet, Robertsonpet, North Madras and Kandamangagar.

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Revenue Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 650. Dated, the 15th March 1949
READ - the following:-

From the Board of Revenue (Excise), D.No. 29/49-Pro. dated the 6th January 1949.

From the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Pdl.No.5/48-X1 dated the 3rd January 1949.

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